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By Senators Parlette, Morton, Mulliken, Delvin and Sheldon

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TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

WHEREAS, The Ice Age Floods Study of Alternatives and Environmental Assessment recommends that the "Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail" be established by the Congress of the United States of America to follow the floods' pathways; and

WHEREAS, The floods are responsible for shaping a fascinating landscape that spans much of Washington State from its eastern border to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, The landscape and its natural history are a draw to recreators, scientists, and tourists, which stimulate interest in the region and benefit local economies; and

WHEREAS, Many floods' resources are on public lands and can be viewed from existing public roadways; and

WHEREAS, The envisioned trail is to be a public-private partnership coordinated by the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, The Study of Alternatives recommends that no more than 25 acres be acquired by the National Park Service for use in the trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully support establishment of the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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